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SUBJECT: CHAD NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT STATEMENT IN KHARTOUM

1. OFFICIAL STATEMENT BY CHAD PEOPLE'S LIBERATION FRONT WAS PUBLISHED IN SUNA FEBRUARY 22. STATEMENT BEGAN WITH EXPRESSION OF BELIEF IN "GENUINENESS" OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION POLICY DECLARED AUGUST 13, 1975 BY SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL, AND DESIRE FOR PEACE, NATIONAL UNITY AND COLLECTIVE SOLUTION TO CHAD PROBLEMS. POLITICAL BUREAU OF CHAD PEOPLE'S LIBERATION FRONT MET FROM FEBRUARY 9 TO 12 IN KHARTOUM "UNDER PRESIDENCY OF DR. AWAD MUKHTAR NASIR." AFTER ANALYSIS OF AGREEMENT REACHED BY SMC AND COMMAND COUNCIL OF NORTH FORCES WHICH RESULTED IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF FEBRUARY 5, POLITICAL BUREAU APPROVES AGREEMENT WITHOUT RESERVATION. POLITICAL BUREAU ALSO CALLS ON SMC TO CONSIDER ARABIC AS SECOND OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF CHAD. CONCLUSION INCLUDES EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE TO NIMEIRI AND SUDANGOV FOR

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"TREMENDOUS EFFORTS" EXERTED ON BEHALF OF CHAD SECURITY, STABILITY AND NATIONAL UNITY.

2. DR. ABA SIDDIK, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF CHAD NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT, MADE SIMILAR STATEMENT OF PRAISE FOR AND GRATITUDE TO NIMEIRI FOR HIS EFFORTS AND POLICIES IN CHAD AND IN FACT ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA AND ARAB WORLD. HIS

STATEMENT, ALSO PUBLISHED FEBRUARY 22, REFERRED TO BASIC PRINCIPLES OF LIBERATION FRONT WHICH INCLUDE RECOGNITION OF ARABIC AS SECOND OFFICIAL LANGUAGE, CARE FOR WAR VICTIMS AND FAMILIES, AND CONSIDERATION OF FRIDAY AS OFFICIAL DAY OF REST FOR MOSLEMS.

3. IN OTHER CHAD-RELATED DEVELOPMENT HERE, FIRST VP ABUL QASSIM WILL ATTEND MALLOUM-QADDHAFI SUMMIT, ACCORDING LOCAL PRESS.
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